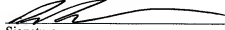


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This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated January 24, 2008 with a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Accordingly, an extension of time in which to respond is requested and the requisite fee accompanies this response. Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**

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